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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents,  
P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a response to the restriction requirement in the Office Action dated 07/16/2004. The applicant chooses species A (triangular locket slot, Figs. 2, 3, 4, 5A, 5B) as the elected single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claims 1-4, 9, 11, and 13 are finally held to be allowable.

Applicant elects with traverse to prosecute the invention of original claims 5-8, 10, 12, 14 for examination since those elected claims read on the above elected embodiment.

Respectfully submitted,

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